

Lionhead Travel Planning Area

A. Alternative Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternative 1

Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative. There would be no changes to current management direction applicable to travel management.

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 7-M

GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for summer recreation use with an emphasis on motorized use in the eastern portion, and non-motorized foot and horse travel in the western portion (recommended Wilderness). *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M, however there would be less emphasis on motorized uses under Alternatives 5 and 6.*

OBJ. 1-1a: Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies between alternatives as shown in the following table. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 97 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Pleasure Driving							
Miles of Road	10	14	18	18	18	18	15
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	15	11	9	9	9	7	11
ATV							
Miles of Road	2	2	18	17	17	20	22
Miles of Trail	27	17	19	24	10	3	10
Total Miles	29	19	37	41	27	23	32
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Trail	4	13	7	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	4	13	7	0	0	0	0
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	46	46	0	0	0	0	20
Miles of Trail	44	44	29	29	29	27	26
Total Miles	90	90	29	29	29	27	46
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	15	15	15	18	18
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	44	38	38	38	42	42	38
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	6	6	6	3	3	6

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All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Hiking (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	44	38	38	38	38	42	38
Hiking (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	6	6	6	6	3	7
* Use for this activity is not prohibited on any trails; use is either emphasized or allowed.							
** Use for this activity is prohibited on some trails.							

OBJ. 1-1b: Achieve the summer recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 1 through the route-by-route management decisions made through this Travel Plan. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for summer uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

OBJ. 1-2: Provide an ATV loop trail in the Watkins Creek/Continental Divide Trail area. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 3 and 4. This objective does not apply to Alternative 2 because it is designed to be similar to the no action alternative and investments in new routes are minimal. This objective is not included in Alternatives 5 and 6, instead favoring reducing open motorized route density in this area. The objective is also not included in Alternative 7-M, in favor of managing Watkins Creek Trail for non-motorized use.*

OBJ. 1-3: Establish a non-motorized trail route to serve as the Continental Divide Scenic Trail (CDST). *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for both snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 2-1a: Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of winter recreation use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies among alternatives as shown in the following table. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 98 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)							
Miles of Plowed Road	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	5	5	21	5	5	5	5
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	5	5	21	5	5	5	5
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table II – 98 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Miles of Marked Trail	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Total Miles	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Table II - 99 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Snowmobiling							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	25,176	25,176	31,680	34,360	34,360	36,460	29,996
Seasonal Closure <u>2/</u>							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	31,516	31,516	25,012	22,332	22,332	20,232	26,696
Net	56,692	56,692	56,692	56,692	56,692	56,692	56,692
<u>2/</u> Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.							

OBJ. 2-1b: Achieve the winter recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 2 through the marked and groomed route management decisions made through this Travel Plan along with decisions made on the area available to snowmobiles. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for winter uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. ***This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.***

GOAL 3: Grizzly Bear Habitat Security. Maintain the network of open motorized routes at a density that will provide for grizzly bear habitat security. ***This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6.***

OBJ. 3-1: Reduce open motorized route density by closing up to 12 miles of existing road. ***This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6.***

GOAL 4: Fisheries. Provide habitat for westslope cutthroat trout in No Name Creek. ***This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.***

In this Travel Planning Area, this goal is pursued through application of Forest-wide standards.

GOAL 5: Migration Corridors. Provide for wildlife migration and movement across the Henry’s Lake Mountain Range to and from the southwest and to and from the Madison Mountain Range. ***This goal applies to Alternatives 5 through 7-M.***

This goal is pursued through the route-by-route management decisions associated with this Travel Planning Area (i.e. managing trails in the northwestern portion and the recommended Wilderness for non-motorized uses).

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

